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For: BLACK MAGNETIC ACICULAR COMPOSITE PARTICLES FOR MAGNETIC
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed July 22,
2003 ("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due October 22, 2003. Applicants
hereby petition for a two-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an
amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a two-month extension of time
is \$420 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to
the Office Action is now December 22, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment and
Response is being timely filed.